

REMARKS

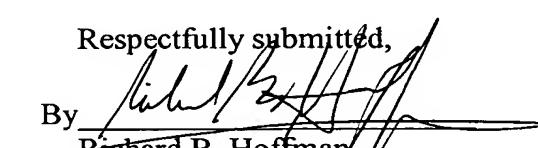
Initially, Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for participating in the telephone conference on February 3, 2006. Applicants further acknowledge and thank the Examiner for issuing the Notice of Allowability mailed February 8, 2006. The present Amendment, however, is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination accompanied by the requisite fee under 37 CFR 1.114 to correct minor discrepancies in the application. The Amendment includes amendments to the specification, claims and abstract. Specifically, the specification and abstract have been amended to correct minor typographical errors and no new matter has been added. Support for these amendments is provided by the specification and drawings as originally filed. For example, the specification clearly shows that Applicants' agitation mechanism does not have a top wall, but rather, "an open top 16." (See FIG. 1, reference numeral 16 and accompanying description in the specification at lines 1-4 of paragraph [0017]). Additionally, while claims 1-38 remain pending, claims 1 and 19 have been amended herein to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants submit that these amendments do not effect the patentability of claims 1 and 19.

In view of the amendments and remarks provided herein, Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to promptly issue a new Notice of Allowability. Finally, Applicants believe that the requisite fee for entry of this Amendment has been provided, but nevertheless authorize the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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